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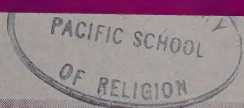
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Youth in a balloon-blowing contest during the Fellowship Banquet of the Executives' Program Council in Columbus, Ohio, December 2 are (left to right) Thomas Van Vossen, John F. Stephenson, Jr., Robert Taylor, David Hildreth, and Douglas Barrett. The winner—Bob Taylor!

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## M E M O

### from the General Secretary . . . .

#### THE ENDEAVORER OF THE YEAR . . . . .

In this 80th anniversary year the International Society, with the help of local societies and unions, will seek out a Christian Endeavorer of the Year.

Scores of Christian Endeavorers are doing outstanding and exceptional work in their societies, churches, schools, and communities as they demonstrate their allegiance to Christ from day to day. The International Society desires to recognize the outstanding young person as well as to encourage young people in their Christian witness. Any Christian Endeavor society, union, or adult group in the United States, Canada, or Mexico who enrolls in the 1961 Anniversary Year Society Roll Call may nominate a young person for the Endeavorer of the Year selection.

The first award will be an all-expense paid trip (to a maximum of \$150) to the 46th International Christian Endeavor Convention, Chicago, July 5-8, plus hotel and meal costs at the fabulous Conrad Hilton Hotel in Chicago for five nights' lodging (dormitory style rooms, four or more to a room) Tuesday through Saturday and all meals Wednesday through Saturday, plus a free registration worth \$4.

The next three runners-up will receive free hotel and meals as described above, worth \$36.75, along with the free registration worth \$4.

The basis of awards will be a nomination by a Christian Endeavor society, union, or adult group. The form for nomination will be sent to any of these organizations who enroll during January or February or March in the 1961 Anniversary Year Society Roll Call. In addition, the organizations who enroll will receive a handsome enrollment certificate suitable for framing and hanging. Societies giving \$15 receive a blue seal certificate. Red seal certificates go to those groups giving \$30. Gifts of \$50 or more earn a gold seal certificate.

Persons nominated must have passed their 12th birthday but must not have reached their 25th birthday by February 28, 1961. The person nominated must be an active member of a Christian Endeavor society. The completed nomination forms must be received by the International Society in Columbus, Ohio, not later than April 17, 1961. The winners will be selected by a board of International judges appointed by the International Society of Christian Endeavor. The decisions of the judges are final and will be announced on May 25, 1961.

Who will be the 1961 Christian Endeavorer of the Year? He or she may be in your church! Every society and union ought to name someone. It's very simple! Just see that your society or union is enrolled during January, February, or March in the 1961 Anniversary Year Society Roll Call.

*Harold Westerhoff*





Fellowship Banquet—a high light of the Council sessions

# 1960 Executives' Program Council— 75 Leaders Study and Work Together

The needs of youth today and how Christian Endeavor can meet those needs was the subject for major consideration when Christian Endeavor leaders gathered in Columbus, Ohio, December 1-4 for the annual meetings of the Executives' Program Council.

Great days were these as over 75 leaders from all parts of the United States and Canada fellowshiped together, shared plans and problems, and prepared for advances in new areas in 1961.

A high light of the sessions was the fellowship banquet on Friday night. Dr. Clyde W. Meadows of Chambersburg, Pennsylvania, president of the International Society, emphasized the population explosion in his message and challenged each one to share the good news of salvation through Jesus Christ with millions who have not heard it.

Cecil A. Jeffery, extension secretary of the International Society and general secretary of the Ohio Union, was the toastmaster. He emphasized the Chicago Convention, he

asked each table group to complete words to the following song (to be sung to the tune of *Sweet Adeline*):

Chicagoland! Chicagoland!  
Convention city, fair and grand.  
For worship, fun,  
Come, everyone,

Chicagoland delegates distributed small lollipops to remind everyone to come to the Sucker State next July. Banquet decorations emphasized the 80th anniversary of the movement and the Chicago Convention.

The Executives' Program Council sessions opened with a communion service conducted by Dr. Meadows. A devotional period began the day on Friday and Saturday, with a meditation on the Christian Endeavor Pledge led by Rev. Clair E. Beatty.

Headquarters associates were hosts at an informal reception on Thursday night at Christian Endeavor headquarters, following a typical Christian Endeavor meeting led by Mrs. Adean Z. Young, president of the Virginia Union, assisted by youth delegates.

The visit to 1221 East Broad Street gave leaders an opportunity to tour the building and become acquainted with those who work there.

A four-session study course on the needs of youth in today's world and how Christian Endeavor can meet those needs was taught by Delno W. Brown, educational secretary of the International Society. He used panels of youth and of adults to assist him. Summarizing this presentation, Mr. Brown said:

"We should remember the needs of those involved and aim to meet these needs by presenting to them the message of Jesus Christ; help them commit their lives to Him and follow His teachings; provide opportunity for youth to participate themselves; seek to reach *all* young people, especially those in special groups; give opportunities for youth to grow; don't give ready-made answers; provide training opportunities; hold high standards; and rely on the Holy Spirit in everything that is done."

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"Let's Listen!" was the topic when youth discussed their problems and needs today, presented by Delno W. Brown, educational secretary of the International Society. Youth panelists are (left to right) Robert Taylor (Colorado); Deloris Pouncey (D.C.); Delno W. Brown; Bonita Ten Dolle (Wisconsin); and Thomas Van Vossen (Illinois).



"What Did We Hear?" was the answer of adults to the problems presented by youth. Among those on the panel were (left to right) Clyde Sherk (Ontario), Rev. Nathan H. Vander Werf (Illinois), and Elizabeth Masarech (New York), with Mr. Brown as moderator.







Members of the Educational Committee who met November 29 and 30 in Columbus, Ohio, for two days of hard work are: (left to right) Seated—Artis M. Brown, recorder; Rev. Robert Hess, Mrs. Warren G. Hoopes, Sr.; Dr. W. N. Gibson; Dr. Earle W. Gates. Standing—Delno W. Brown, educational secretary; Rev. Walter M. Burkholder, chairman; Paul F. Hurley; Harold E. Westerhoff, general secretary; Rev. Charles W. Barner; and Elwood Dunn. Rev. Andrew White was unable to participate in the meeting.

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Harold E. Westerhoff, general secretary of both the International Society and the World's Christian Endeavor Union, told of Area I and Area II conferences he attended this past summer and shared plans for an around-the-world trip February 15-April 12, 1961, when he will visit fifteen countries and contact Christian Endeavorers in all parts of the world.

A two-session course on "selling" Christian Endeavor was presented by Elwood Dunn of Detroit, general secretary of the Michigan Union. "Prescriptions for 'Sick' Societies" was a special feature given by "Doctor" Cecil A. Jeffery, who prescribed for society illnesses such as poorly planned meetings, lack of interest by parents, program not Christ-centered, etc.

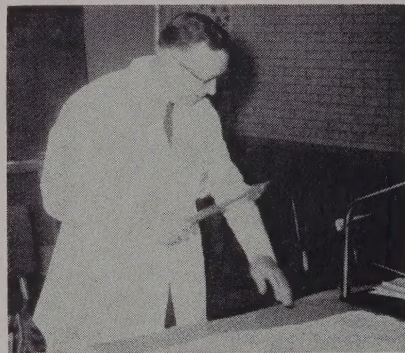
Gordon McMordie of Feasterville, general secretary of the Pennsylvania Union, used flash cards to present "How to Meet and Influence Ministers."

Delno Brown, citizenship director of the International Society, emphasized the great preparations being made for the celebration of Christian Endeavor Week January 29-February 5. Special meetings marking the 80th anniversary of the movement will be held at Williston Congregational Church in Portland, Maine, the birthplace of the movement.

Mr. Brown also outlined plans for the 1961 Citizenship Awards Program, which is now under way. The Albert H. Diebold Awards for citizenship activities total approximately \$1,500 and include cash, trips, plaques, and certificates for the winning societies. Deadline for entering the contest

by reporting a Christian citizenship activity is February 6, 1961.

The editor of THE CHRISTIAN ENDEAVOR WORLD, Phyllis I. Rike, reported future plans for the publication. She also indicated that 1961 Outdoor Posters will soon appear on poster boards across the country and in Canada.



"Doctor" Cecil A. Jeffery, properly garbed and with operating tools at hand, begins a period of "Prescriptions for 'Sick' Christian Endeavor Societies."

The sessions came to a close at noon on Sunday, December 4, following the Sunday school hour directed by Wanna Sell of Huntington, Indiana, and the installation service by Rev. Robert Hess of Los Angeles, field secretary of the California Union. Arranging the new officers and committee members in the form of a cross, he used Luke 9:57-62 and the hymn, "Beneath the Cross of Jesus," in the installation service.

Ready for the informal reception at Christian Endeavor Headquarters are these who served as hosts and hostesses: (left to right) Mrs. H. H. Hughes, Cecil A. Jeffery, Mrs. Robert W. Smith, Robert W. Smith, Eleanor J. Jones, Roberta L. Jackson, Mrs. Harold Bingham, and Mrs. Melvin Nowell.



TOP PHOTO—Rev. Charles W. Barner (right) congratulates new officers of the Executives' Program Council, (left to right) Gordon McMordie, James R. Westerhoff, and Rev. Walter Burkholder. SECOND FROM TOP—Youth delegates chat informally at reception are (left to right) Rev. C. Garnett Henry, David Hildreth, Douglas Barrett, and Carole Miller. CENTER PHOTO—"Chicagoland" is the theme of this quartet's song. (left to right) William R. Bonnema, Delno W. Brown, Rev. Charles W. Barner, and Dr. Clyde W. Meadows sing lustily. SECOND FROM BOTTOM—Also singing of the Chicago Convention are (left to right) Lee Mekkes, Richard Snyder, Phyllis I. Rike, Harold E. Westerhoff, and Clyde Sherk. BOTTOM PHOTO—Dr. C. W. Meadows (left) and Cecil A. Jeffery enjoy the fun as Warren G. Hoopes, Sr., receives a lollipop from the Sucker Squad. (right) and the Chicagoland delegates.

The closing service of worship was conducted by the outgoing chairman of the Council, Rev. Charles W. Barner of Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, a leader in the Evangelical Congregational Church. In his message on "Speak, Lord, for Thy Servant is Listening," Mr. Barner said that God speaks to us in many ways; He will make a transmitter that through us His Word may be amplified and sent out to all around.

During these important meetings the current plans, materials, and emphases of the movement were presented, and many phases of the work were reviewed as leaders shared ideas and studied materials.

The Executives' Program Council meets annually. Included in its membership are denominational youth workers; presiding and employed field, executive and general secretaries of Christian Endeavor Union; officers of the International Society; youth delegates appointed by the union. The work of the Council is carried through four committees—Educational, Children's Work, Youth Work, and Adult Work.

Rev. Walter M. Burkholder of Indianapolis, general secretary of the Department of Christian Education of the Church of the United Brethren in Christ, succeeds Charles W. Barner as chairman of the Council. Vice chairmen are James R. Westerhoff of New Jersey, vice-president of the International Society in charge of the Middle Atlantic Region, who was re-elected, and Gordon McMordie, Dorothy E. Howes, executive secretary of the Oregon Union, was elected Council secretary.

Committees were elected as follows:

**Educational Committee**—Dr. W. N. Gibson, chairman; Rev. Walter M. Burkholder, Charles W. Barner, Elwood Dunn, Dr. Earle W. Gates, Rev. Robert Hess, Mrs. Warren G. Hoopes, Sr., Paul F. Hurley, and Rev. Andrew White.

**Children's Work**—Mrs. Warren G. Hoopes, chairman; Mrs. Marlin Dossett, Mrs. Christine Tirre, and Florence Zimmerman.

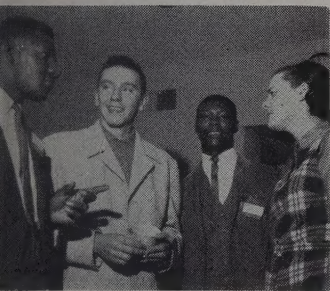
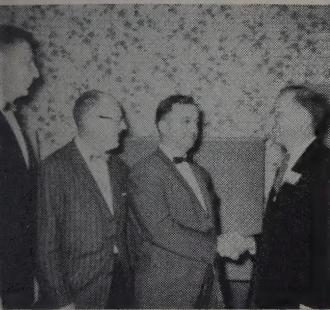
**Youth Work**—Elwood Dunn, chairman; Clair E. Beatty, Albert Day, Rev. Paul D. L. Charles Matthews, Joan Pyle, Wanna Sell, Rev. Nathan H. Vander Werf.

**Adult Work**—Dr. Earle W. Gates, chairman; Phyllis G. Brown, and Jay Sheffield.

Dates set for next year's meetings of the Executives' Program Council are November 30-December 3 in Columbus, Ohio.

THE CHRISTIAN ENDEAVOR WORLD





# Services at Williston Church Spark 80th Anniversary Celebration

A Pilgrimage to Portland in 1961 will mark the 80th anniversary of the Christian Endeavor movement.

Activities will center at historic Williston Congregational Church, where Christian Endeavor was first organized February 2, 1881, by Francis and Harriet Clark.

On February 2 an Anniversary Rally will be held at 7:45 P.M. at the church with the president of the International Society, Dr. Clyde W. Meadows of Chambersburg, Pennsylvania, speaking. Others who will participate in the rally are Dr. Earle W. Gates, immediate past president of the International Society; young people representing the present Christian Endeavor society at Williston Church; and members of the International Society staff.

On Saturday evening, February 4, an Anniversary Fellowship Banquet is scheduled for 6:00 at the church. Speaker will be Dr. Daniel A. Poling, a past president of the International Society and president of the World's Christian Endeavor Union since Dr. Clark's death May 26, 1927.

Local arrangements are under the direction of Rev. W. Lloyd Williams, minister of Williston Church. Banquet reservations may be sent to Mrs. Williams at 12 Richards Street, South Portland, Maine, before January 28. Cost is \$2.00; checks should be made out to Williston Church.

In connection with the Pilgrimage, the Finance and Executive Committees of the International Society will meet in Portland February 3 and 4.

On Sunday afternoon, February 5, a special anniversary service will be held at Park Street Congregational Church in Boston. Speaker will be Dr. Clyde W. Meadows. Endeavorers from all parts of the New England Region are urged to participate in this special Christian Endeavor Day service.

## Packets Still Available

Endeavorers are urged to plan special anniversary celebrations in societies and unions throughout North America. To aid planning committees, a Christian Endeavor Week Packet is available.

This Packet contains a manual giving many helps for a week of events, plus a suggested radio program, a television script, plans for a "Circle 'Round" Party, and many other items. All these can be secured by sending 50c to the International Society of Christian Endeavor, 1221 East Broad Street, Columbus 16, Ohio.

## The Christian Endeavor Story

The first Christian Endeavor society was an outgrowth of evangelistic meetings held in Williston Church. It provided an avenue of expression for the religious life of young people, gave them worthwhile tasks to do, emphasized loyalty and service, and was at once devotional, evangelistic, and inspirational. It was formed for Christian young people who pledged themselves, "Trusting in the Lord Jesus Christ for strength, I promise Him . . ."

A second society was begun eight months later in Massachusetts, with the first local union organized in 1882 and the first convention held that year with the six societies then known to be in existence. At the second convention the next year, 56 societies with 2,850 members were reported. By 1885 the movement in the United States and Canada was organized under the name "United Society of Christian Endeavor" (changed to International Society in 1927). At the 1895 convention in Boston, with 56,425 registered delegates, the World's Christian Endeavor Union was formed.

Today the International Society includes approximately one million members in the United States, Canada, and Mexico, while the World's Union embraces three million members in fifty countries and island groups and in eighty Protestant denominations around the world.

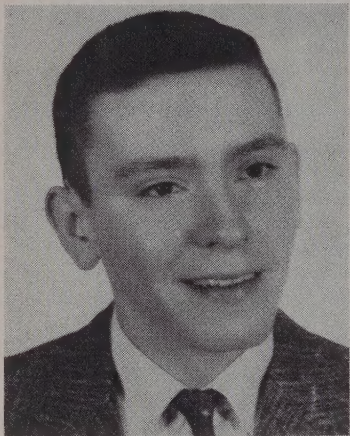
## A Message of Thanks From Dr. Poling

When Dr. Daniel A. Poling, president of the World's Christian Endeavor Union, celebrated his 76th birthday on November 30, he was thrilled to receive greetings from Endeavorers around the world.

To all those who remembered his birthday, Dr. Poling sends a very heartfelt thank you. Since these greetings came on the eve of his departure for a trip to the Far East, it was quite impossible for him to answer personally all of these so deeply appreciated messages. His trip included meetings with Christian Endeavor leaders in Japan and Korea.



## Let's Mobilize!



"Let's mobilize!" is the urging of David Hildreth, of Columbus, Ohio, member-at-large of the Board of Trustees of the Ohio Christian Endeavor Union.

### YOU CAN HELP—

- Sponsor a program of youth evangelism to win the unreached to Jesus Christ.
- Continue a Crusade for Christian Citizenship, to encourage youth to become good citizens and to combat communism.
- Produce books, pamphlets, bulletins, leaflets and other materials for the varied needs of youth.

### YOU MAY BECOME—

- an Annual Member at \$15
- an Annual Member with your own Doubling at \$30
- a Sustaining Annual Member at \$50 or more

Send your membership today

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## INVEST IN YOUTH

## Christian Citizenship in Action

Christian Endeavor's current Citizenship Awards Program is designed to recognize Christian citizenship in action.

Open to all Christian Endeavor societies or similar youth groups in local churches in the United States and Canada, this program offers the Albert H. Diebold Awards for winning groups. The majority of members of participating societies must be under 25 years of age.

The awards include cash, trips, plaques, and certificates, totaling approximately \$1,500.

First award is \$200 in cash plus a grant (to a maximum of \$200) for the expenses of one or more youth representatives from the winning society to attend the 46th International Christian Endeavor Convention in Chicago July 5-8, 1961.

Second award is \$150 in cash plus a grant (to a maximum of \$150) for expenses of one or more youth representatives to attend the Chicago Convention.

Third award is \$100 in cash; fourth award, \$75; fifth award, \$50. For the next 20 runners-up the award will be \$25 each. Plaques will be presented to the top 25 winners, with honor certificates to all other qualified entrants.

Each participating society must sponsor and report a completed Christian citizenship activity begun after March 1, 1960. This activity will be evaluated on the basis of group participation, goals established and achieved, and the manner in which it implements the folder, "What Is Christian Citizenship?"

In this folder Christian citizenship is defined as "part of the fruit of the Christian life. The Christian must put his conviction into action if he is to please God and be useful to his fellow men."

Specific areas of concern suggested in the folder are: home relationships, civic responsibilities, wholesome recreation, racial relationships, narcotics, gambling, obscenity, literature, and observance of the Sabbath day. Possible projects are suggested.

For a copy of this folder, plus an Awards Program folder, write to the Citizenship Director, International Society of Christian Endeavor, 1221 East Broad Street, Columbus 16, Ohio.

The winning societies will be announced April 25, with the Albert H. Diebold Awards scheduled for presentation at the convention sessions in Chicago July 5-8.

## HOW TO ENTER AWARDS PROGRAM

Study the folder "What Is Christian Citizenship?" and select some significant Christian citizenship activity. Organize the society for action and complete the activity by February 6. Keep full records of objectives and plans and accomplishments.

Detach the entry form below, fill out, and attach materials describing the activity: written report, photographs, press clippings, drawings, commendations, etc.

Mail the entry form and all accompanying materials to the Citizenship Director, International Society of Christian Endeavor by February 6, 1961. All entries will be acknowledged.

**IMPORTANT! DO NOT SEND ENTRY UNTIL PROJECT IS COMPLETE. SUBMIT MATERIALS DESCRIBING THE ACTIVITY WITH THE ENTRY FORM.**

### ENTRY FORM (Print or type in full)

(Valid only if postmarked no later than February 6, 1961)

Please enter the citizenship activity described in the attached materials for Christian Endeavor's Citizenship Awards Program.

(Name of society or group)

(Name of church)

(Address of church)

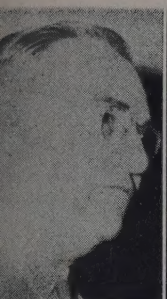
(Name and address of person sending entry)

(Your office or position in society or church)

Send to Citizenship Director, International Society of Christian Endeavor, 1221 East Broad Street, Columbus 16, Ohio.

All entries become the property of the International Society of Christian Endeavor. All participating societies or groups agree to abide by the decisions of the judges which are final.





**Dr. Clyde W.**  
**Meadows**  
**Speaks To**  
**Endeavorers**

## OUR QUESTIONS ANSWERED

**International Society's President**

**What is the pledge?**

The pledge is the covenant all Christian endeavorers are expected to sign. Some societies ask their members to sign the pledge each year. There is an active membership pledge which has been written up in several forms. There are three forms that in many years have been used in North America, but all have a similar opening statement, "Trusting in the Lord Jesus Christ for strength, I promise Him that I will strive to do whatever He would like me to do." There is also an associate member's pledge that can be signed by a person who does not profess to be a Christian but wants to attend the Christian Endeavor meetings. Any of these pledge cards can be secured from the International Society's office in Columbus, at a nominal price.

**What is the age for those in an Adult Society?**

Those above 24 years of age should be considered adults and should have a society for themselves. If you wish you can have a young adult society, ages 25 to 35, or an adult society, 36 years of age and over. However, if you have only one adult society then the age should come down to 24. The young people's society should include those 18-24 years of age. If you don't have older persons in the young people's society, other than the counselors (preferably a man and his wife), you will spoil it for the young people. The other societies are determined by school grade—up to and including sixth grade, Juniors; seventh, eighth, and ninth grades, Junior High; and tenth, eleventh, and twelfth grades, Senior High.

**Where can I get materials on the Christian Endeavor topics?**

The first place to go is to THE CHRISTIAN ENDEAVOR WORLD. The materials with plans for discussions and ideas for successful meetings are given in this publication well in advance to help the members prepare for the meetings and the members to intelligently participate. Ideally, every member of the society should subscribe so as to have these materials at hand. Several denominational and independent publishers provide additional materials. Anybody desiring specific information concerning the extra publications should write to the denominational leaders or to the headquarters office in Columbus.

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The young people of our church have lost interest in Christian Endeavor. What can we do about it?

There are several very simple but important things to do about it. Correct the errors you have evidently fallen into. I'll venture a guess at least two things have happened in your church that caused the young people to lose interest. First, I surmise you have allowed the young people's society to drift into an adult group, and too many people above 24 years of age are in it and taking active part. You should have an adult society, but it must be separate from the young people. Let the adults have your present society and organize a new Senior High or Young People's society even if you have only ten people to start. The second thing I'll venture has happened—you haven't worked the Christian Endeavor program. Why not call a meeting of key leaders to study the Program Guide and plan several months of meetings and activities just as the Program Guide suggests, and your society will come alive. No youth program will work itself. Young people want to be a part of an organization that is doing something worthwhile.

**How do we organize a Christian Endeavor society?**

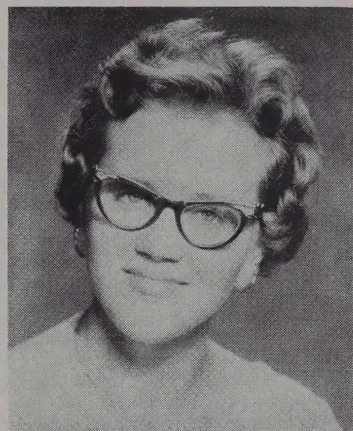
So you want to organize a Christian Endeavor Society. Wonderful! Write to Phyllis I. Rike, 1221 East Broad Street, Columbus 16, Ohio, and tell her you want materials on how to organize a Christian Endeavor Society. She will gladly send you by return mail, free of charge, a packet of materials on how to organize Christian Endeavor in your church. The International Society of Christian Endeavor is your servant and is eager to help in any way it can.

**Does Christian Endeavor have a missionary program?**

Yes! One cannot be a Christian and not have a missionary spirit. If we are not interested in bringing the Gospel to those who have not heard it, be they next door neighbors or persons of another race on the other side of the earth, then we have not caught the Spirit of Christ. Our Christian religion is a world religion, because God loved the world (John 3:16), provided a salvation that is adequate for the whole world (Romans 1:16) and has commissioned His followers to take this message to every creature in every nation (Matthew 28:19; Mark 16:15). Societies are encouraged to have a missionary program once a month. County and state unions have various missionary projects. For instance, the Pennsylvania Christian Endeavor Union gives \$1,500 per year to missionary work in India; the German Christian Endeavorers contribute substantially to the Christian Endeavor work in Spain. Denominational Christian Endeavor groups also have missionary projects. For instance, the Christian Endeavorers of the United Brethren Church have a medical missionary project and maintain a hospital with a regular doctor and nurses in Sierra Leone, West Africa.

**Do you have a question for Dr. Meadows? Send it to him at 1221 East Broad Street, Columbus 16, Ohio.**

## Let's Mobilize!



"Let's mobilize our forces now!" is the challenge of Gloria I. McDonald, of LaMarque, Texas, president of the San Jacinto District Christian Endeavor Union.

### YOU CAN HELP—

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## INVEST IN YOUTH



# How Can I Know God's Will for My Life?

There is an ancient fable about a captive who was forced to choose between two closed doors. He was told that behind one he would find a beautiful girl; behind the other, a tiger. He had no choice but to reach out his hand and open one of the two doors. His fate depended upon the waiting figure behind the door he opened. Since we are dealing with fiction, the story closes with the liberated prisoner in the arms of the young princess and a promise of eternal happiness.

The image of a closed door with a mysterious fate waiting behind it has been used for centuries to paint a picture of the unknown future and the strange circumstances which influence us in making important choices. Consequently, many Christians interpret the search for God's will in this way: They accept the Scriptural interpretation of great moral issues which are directly dealt with in the Bible, where God's will is clearly stated. When they come upon a decision which cannot be made in the light of a Bible passage, they mentally stand before two doors and pray.

Now the choices behind the doors are not always between good and bad; at times the choice seems to be between two goods. So the Christian asks God to direct him in opening the right door. If everything works out to his satisfaction, he will often point out that "all things work together for good" when you are in God's will for you. However, the day comes sooner or later when each man opens the door which shelters the tiger. This trouble, or disappointment, or sorrow is rarely classified as a part of God's will. Many Christians respond with the cry, "Why did God do this to me?"

Can a person really know God's will? Are we simply children who cannot take "No" as an answer? In what way can we depend upon our feelings in making decisions? Is there a key for the closed door?

There is, without question, a known will of God. It is impossible to read the Bible and doubt that fact. This expressed will does not change with the inconstant years or in the face of the differences in men; their personalities, their attitudes, their circumstances. One basic truth is God's will for every man, and that truth is a right relationship with God Himself.

Now there are those who claim that it is impossible to know what relationship man can have with God. In no way does the Bible make this a secret. Romans 5:1 states, "Therefore being justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ . . ." and Romans 8:16,17 spells it out once again, "The Spirit itself beareth witness with our spirit, that we are children of God; and if children then heirs; heirs of God and joint-heirs with Christ . . ." The man who cannot see God's most basic desire for his life (i.e., peace with God through Christ) when confronted with Scripture, is

the man who has willed himself to be spiritually blind.

God has answered man's need for His will in many avenues of life. The heathen who bows before his idol can be confronted with the words, "Thou shalt not make unto thee any graven image . . ." The woman who raises a gun in a fury of hate must hear the words, "Thou shalt not kill." The man who hopes to use devious means in annexing his neighbor's property will face this command, "Thou shalt not covet . . . anything that is thy neighbor's."

But, you say, the Ten Commandments do not always meet my specific problems. A young girl in love with a Catholic fellow will plead, "How can I know God's will in this?" The Scripture answers (II Corinthians 6:14), "Be ye not unequally yoked together with unbelievers . . ." Nowhere is marriage mentioned, but is God not shedding some light for her?

A college man often comes to his pastor, "What shall I do with my life? I know that a Christian can serve God as a lawyer, but how do I know that He does not want me in the ministry or on the mission field?" The pastor will show him passages in which Christ challenged us to "Go into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature." He will encourage the fellow to pray, but in the final analysis neither the Scripture nor the pastor will say, "John Smith, God's will for your life is the ministry."

Are there, then, times when we cannot know God's will? Even the minister must face difficult choices. A man comes to the church; becomes interested in the boy's work; coaches the baseball team; and offers to give \$25,000 toward the building fund. But the pastor knows that this man makes his money in a string of night clubs and gambling places. How can he interpret the promised gift—as an attempt to buy a place in heaven, or the effort of a sincere man to come back to God? Is the good that a new Christian education building will do wiped out by the source of the money used to build it?

Volumes could be written illustrating moral choices, decisions which must be made without a specific Bible command to indicate God's will. We cannot depend upon how we feel to help us make the right choice. If man were forced to resort to this, there could be no absolute moral law. What one man sees as sin, another man will do without a qualm.

The conscience is very teachable, and there are societies which educate the young conscience to accept the death of certain people as being totally right. In places of Africa, all deformed children are killed; one of each set of twins is left in the forest to die; the mentally deranged are poisoned to rid the village of evil spirits. In these cultures, the will of the gods may often be

murder. Even those of us who have a Christian heritage in the forming of our sciences cannot always depend upon "feelings" as a guide to God's will. The young girl, mentioned above, will find her strongest feelings will prove that love she feels could not be wrong.

The essential in knowing God's will is our relationship to Him. Christians must ask, "But I asked God whether or not I should do this . . ." and it usually means that they have come up with a tiger. The relationship will become easier to find as you grow closer to Him.

The initial commitment to Christ is like the marriage of two people. The man and the woman, those who become Christians, rest on their laurels, and experience a static Christianity. Marriages simply do not last when there is no communication between the partners.

The man who has not come to God personally, who has no personal relationship with Him, will not know the mind of God. Romans 4:3 puts it this way, "Ye ask, and receive not, because ye ask amiss, that ye may have it upon your lusts." Do not come to find the will of God in a rubber-stamp approval of what you want, until you are sure you can be trusted to be like those of God Himself. John 15:7 states the condition for finding God's will; "If ye abide in me, my words abide in you, ye shall ask what ye will, and it shall be done unto you."

We must be willing to use all open doors. We must turn to the Scripture and use the will of God found there. We must commit ourselves to the daily process of communication with God—we must listen. And we must learn not to stop in front of the closed door, wondering whether or not to open it. God sometimes closes doors Himself in order that we may know His will. We must learn to walk on the edge of the open door. For God does not close circumstances, even people, to point out His will.

The young man, wondering what to do with his life, will be faced with the choice of looking around him and around the world. He will look at himself and say, "What is my life, and where can I best meet the need?" Perhaps he will feel drawn to the people of India; he may also see that his gifts are in teaching and languages. And God may suddenly close the door to law when the student does not receive the scholarship he must have to continue. When a Christian speaks to God daily and listens for the combination of truths and events and will point the way. God wants this on the mission field—one hurdle removed. Will he do what God wants him to do?

We must never lose sight of the fact that knowing God's will is only the beginning. To know God's will and refuse to do it is sin. Christ said, "Abide in me and in my word." This is the key to knowing God's will and doing it.

By Mrs. Wesley Brown

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# With Adults in Christian Endeavor

A page especially for Young Adults (25-35) and Adults (36-up)

## BIBLIOGRAPHY

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Do you need resource materials for your Young Adult or Adult Christian Endeavor society? Or has the lack of such materials kept you from starting an adult society? Adult Christian Endeavorers are able to contribute many as from their own education and experience, but adult societies still need printed materials to stimulate their discussion.

A bibliography of such helps follows. It is not exhaustive and has not been proved by any official body. The books may be secured from the outlet or through the International Society of Christian Endeavor.

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## ADULT TOPIC SUMMARIES

### History in the Making

*Deuteronomy 31:12*

Founded on February 2, 1881, Christian Endeavor was the forerunner of present day youth work in the church. Birthdays are a time for memory and a look ahead. What better time to remember how the first society was organized by Dr. Francis E. Clark at Williston Congregational Church in Portland, Maine! Before that year was over, Christian Endeavor societies had been formed in several other states. Have someone tell the story of how the movement began and spread from church to church, denomination to denomination, and nation to nation. Better still, dramatize the founding and growth through the years. Evaluate the span of Christian Endeavor and discuss what's ahead for this pioneer Christian movement with a place for all age groups.

### Principles of Growth

*Romans 10:9,10; Matthew 10:32; Romans 12:1,2; Acts 10:34,35; 1 John 1:3,7*

Christian Endeavor continues to grow on its four basic principles: (1) Confession of Christ, (2) Service for Christ, (3) Loyalty to Christ's Church, and (4) Fellowship with Christ's People. Its founder once said, "With these roots the Christian Endeavor tree will bear fruit in any soil. Cut away any of these roots and the tree dies." Prepare a large drawing of a tree as the center of interest, with roots labeled as the four essential principles. "Fruits" added to the "branches" of the "living tree" will be suggested in discussion based on the above Scriptures and applied to life today. Stress that the program of Christian Endeavor rests on the sure foundation of its long-standing motto, first suggested by Dr. Clark in 1887—FOR CHRIST AND THE CHURCH.

### Basic Purposes

*Colossians 1:18*

"Why Christian Endeavor?" you may be asked, and the answer is found in the above Scripture, "that in all things he might have the pre-eminence." Christian Endeavor is a Christ-centered, church-centered organization, having as its basic purposes: (1) Leading young people to accept Jesus Christ as Saviour and Lord, (2) Bringing them into the life of the church, (3) Sustaining and training them for the service of Christ and His cause, and (4) Releasing them through all channels of human activity in the service of God and man. These purposes put to work the principles of Christian Endeavor. Plan how your group can make them work in your church and community. The fields are "white already to harvest."

### Local Program

*John 17:4*

Adult Endeavorers will want to ponder and plan "the work which thou gavest me to do." Since Christian Endeavor is a training school for Christian workers, one can learn only by doing. Participation will increase spiritual strength and cultivate the ability to labor for Christ and the church. Study the local and mission program of your church and discuss with your minister how your group may serve. Look at community needs and plan how you may help meet them. Hold high Christian citizenship standards and pray for the leaders of all nations. As convinced Christians, take the lead in righting wrongs in your community. What would God have you to do?

## ADULT TOPICS

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# Forward—For Christ and the Church

No. 2 in a Series: "Christian Endeavor Week—Youth Week"

Acts 26:13-23  
(Christian Endeavor Day)

Senior High-Young People (15-24 Years)

FEBRUARY

Comments by Dr. Earle W. Gates\*

## A Look Backward—Then Ahead!

Christian Endeavor has had a glorious history! Last Thursday, February 2nd, marked the 80th birthday of this unique and wonderful movement. Spreading rapidly into most denominations and countries, it has been of indescribable blessing to youth, to churches everywhere, and to true ecumenical fellowship. Bring these things out.

An appreciative review of the past should be made, including the founding of the movement by Dr. Francis E. Clark on February 2, 1881, in the Williston Congregational Church of Portland, Maine. Trace its growth and its present progress. Study the Four Principles, the Christian Endeavor Pledge, the various pledges for special dedication, and the motto "For Christ and the Church."

Then look ahead. Survey the needs in your church, families, and community. Appreciate the present strength and pattern of your society. Begin at once to generate plans by which potential can be applied to need. A mighty advance is possible for Christian Endeavor around the world and around your town if this formula is followed. Lives will be changed, and God's name glorified. We look back only to go forward with a greater purpose and enthusiasm.

## "For Christ and the Church"

The title of this topic is based on the very motto of the world-wide Christian Endeavor movement. "For Christ and the Church" has been both its rallying cry and its statement of purpose for five generations. Originally it was the motto of Harvard University and is still carried on the Great Seal of that institution. It undoubtedly came through the guidance of the Spirit to Christian Endeavor's founder, Francis E. Clark. Each generation has been inspired and constrained by these ringing words to the degree that the church today is greatly indebted to Christian Endeavor. Future generations will be given victorious incentive by it if we do our part in transmitting it.

Let us consider the values of Christian Endeavor as it is represented in this motto, especially by taking an "80th Anniversary look" at it. What does it mean in our contemporary church life? "For Christ"—this is basic and fundamental; our first allegiance is ever due Him. "And the Church" is the inevitable corollary. The service we would render Christ in person must be rendered through the church. One cannot say, "I believe in Christ, and would do anything for Him, but not for the church."

## THE CONSECRATION SERVICE

It should be the practice of each Christian Endeavor society to set apart a time of consecration once each month. Traditionally it has been observed on the first Sunday. At this time the secretary calls the roll, and then each member responds with a personal testimony, a verse of Scripture, or a meaningful poem or hymn as a means of expressing his renewed dedication to Christ and the church.

During this special observance of the 80th Anniversary of Christian Endeavor, strive to give particular meaning to the consecration service and to receive special benefit from it. Announce in advance that each is to respond by telling approximately how long he or she has been in Christian Endeavor and what blessings and benefits have been received through it. The officers might conclude by outlining what benefits can be received through Christian Endeavor activities in the coming year.

The two are inseparable; the church is His body!

The church of Christ today faces great challenge in many areas. Never before has it had opportunity to transform men and society as in our generation. The Chinese translate the word "crisis" as "dangerous opportunity." Surely crises surround us. What part can Christian young people assume in the face of the dangerous opportunities of church and nation?

## The Basic Principles

There are four basic principles of Christian Endeavor, often referred to as the Four Principles. Upon these foundation stones the entire movement is built. Let these be reviewed and re-evaluated today. Discuss them one by one.

1. *Confession of Christ.* This is the fundamental beginning of any Christian life. As it is the essential step in becoming a member of Christ and His Church, so also is it the first step in Christian Endeavor, "the endeavor to be Christlike." Open commitment of life to Christ is His constant invitation. How can we *totally* surrender ourselves to Him?

2. *Service for Christ.* This is the natural and logical step after that of confession. When one greatly believes in a person or a cause, he greatly desires to serve. So a Christian youth wishes to enlist in Christ's service. How well Christian Endeavor is adapted to that inclination, with its learn-by-doing technique, its readiness to share in the program of the church, and its legions of dedicated youth! What is the greatest service young people of the church can render to Christ today?

3. *Loyalty to Christ's Church.* The church is Christ's body upon earth. He has called it His bride, one of the most endearing terms possible. One cannot be loyal to Christ unless he is loyal to Christ's church. In a day when traditional loyalties are being broken down, we do well to tighten the

lines on our allegiance to the church. Loyalty has its price. What is its cost to faithful young Christians today? How can we best show our loyalty to the church?

4. *Fellowship with Christ's People.* We are united in an eternal fellowship through Christ. All who are sons of the Father, faithful in Christ, are brothers to each other. Christian Endeavor has proved this by leading over the barriers that separate, by separating even Christians. The pioneer youth movement, it is also a pioneer ecumenical fellowship. It is distinguished by its three "inters," for it is interdenominational, international, and interracial. In a day of tensions in the world and in communities, Christian Endeavor can lead the way to a true brotherhood in Christ. It also leads in Christian citizenship motifs expressed in equality, peace, and justice. Name some of the areas of tension today. How can the principles of Christian Endeavor help heal these ills?

## The Pledges

Our movement is almost unique in principle of pledged membership. In action there are pledges of particular dedication to aid in the development of Christian life. These include the Quarter Hour, the Tenth Legion, and the Lifeword Recruit. All these assist the young person in his determination to live for Christ and the church. The only vital Christian is the growing Christian. These specific dedications are imperative steps in the process of spiritual growth. Each pledge is "a standard of character and action which we promise to try to reach," always trusting Christ for strength and for guidance. We are the direct beneficiaries of the use of such pledges, especially the membership pledge.

## A Unique Program

Christian Endeavor is unique among organizations of youth. It is consistently Christ-centered. It is divinely broad in fellowship, whether among nations, religions, denominations, or individuals. It is incomparable in its leadership training, both potentially and actually. Its program is channeled directly into the heart of the local church. In all parts of the world its distinctive monogram denotes a movement and program that simultaneously unite all Christians in the larger unity in Christ, strengthen the local church, wins young people to Christ, and trains them for His service. No other endeavor has ever approached this remarkable reality of achievement. All that it requires for progress year by year is that we see its values and then apply ourselves to their practice. It will supply the deepest need of the church today, and give every pastor the tool he needs. But it will not work; it must be worked! A wonderful advance would be possible, from the local society to the World's Union, if each group would determine to restudy and follow more closely the total program of Christian Endeavor.

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# Operation: Motto

No. 2 in a Series: "Christian Endeavor Week—Youth Week"

Acts 26:13-23  
(Christian Endeavor Day)



Senior High (12-14 Years)

FEBRUARY 5

Comments by Mrs. Richard Cattermole\*

## Linking It Over

The Bible records, "There is no new thing under the sun" (Ecclesiastes 1:9c). However, you can be original to a great degree if you take enough time to consider the matter thoroughly. Have a "buzz session" with your counselor and others of your society whom you would like to help you with this topic. You will probably be amazed at the ideas you can gather by merely linking it over."

Use as the basis for your thinking the fact that your Christian Endeavor Society desires to launch a new program "For Christ and the Church." This new program could be in the form of an imaginary satellite for Jesus Christ to encircle the globe with the mess of the many young people who love Him, love Him, and serve Him through Christian Endeavor.

## Working "Behind the Scenes" (the Counselor)

This topic may certainly be fitted into the current emphasis on scientific experimentation in the field of rockets, missiles, and satellites. Encourage your group to put many original ideas as possible into the publicity and presentation for this topic. They should certainly be better informed than you are in regard to this sort of thing. If you do not already have copies available, send to International Headquarters, 21 East Broad Street, Columbus 16, Ohio, for the folder, "A Vital Program For Youth." These are free (in limited quantities). If you want further material to distribute, ask for either "The Christian Endeavor Story" or "What Is Christian Endeavor?"

The topic Scripture should be read and explained during the devotional service.

## Getting Down to Work

Sometimes it's much easier to talk about something than actually to "get going." This idea should be explored thoroughly and presented well so that your group may be inspired and encouraged to launch out anew "For Christ and the Church." Let's take it step by step:

1. Assignments: Read the section "Launching Out." Decide whom you would like to ask to help. Have your "buzz session" and assign tasks.

2. Publicity: Posters could make use of pictures of recent satellite and missile launchings. Some suggested headings are: "Launch Out for Christ and the Church"; "Be Present at Our Satellite Launching"; "Junior Highs Launch Out for Christ and the Church." Handbills in the shape of nose cones with the topic title and other information printed on them could be distributed. A short message could be given in your Sunday school department with a newsboy carrying a pack of newspapers and calling, "Extra! Extra! Read all the news!"

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about it! Christian Endeavor Society launches new satellite "For Christ and the Church."

3. Atmosphere: Cover part of (preferably) your front wall with a blue paper, placing stars and a moon on the paper so it will appear as though you are "gazing into the blue." Obtain a world globe and place it on a table in front of the "sky."

4. Preliminaries: The devotional service could be called the "countdown." Begin at "ten" with the opening song or prayer, "nine—eight—seven—" and so on, including sentence prayers, Scripture, other songs, a special number, announcements (make sure you have ten things). At "zero," begin your "launching."

## Launching Out

(Have those taking part seated in chairs arranged in a semicircle. As each is interviewed by the "reporter," he gets up and moves to a "mike" fashioned from a small tin can or cardboard with a heavy length of twine leading from it out of sight.)

Reporter: This evening, ladies and gentlemen, we are privileged to be present at the launching of a new satellite. This is being done by the (name of society) of (name of church). We shall now speak to those responsible in an exclusive interview. First of all, we meet Mr./Miss (name). Tell me, what is the purpose of this event today?

Answer: To tell our church, community, and world of the great motto of Christian Endeavor, "For Christ and the Church," and to show that it can inspire young people to service in the world today.

Reporter: Is this something new?

Answer: No, it is not. This motto has served to inspire millions of young people in many countries of the world and many denominations.

Reporter: Can you tell me something about the background?

Answer: I will introduce Mr./Miss (name) who will do that.

Reporter: Fine. Glad to meet you. You are also associated here?

Answer: Yes, and we are part of a Christian Endeavor movement begun eighty years ago on February 2, 1881, when the pastor of the Williston Congregational Church in Portland, Maine, Francis E. Clark, formed the first society.

Reporter: Thank you. Now I believe we have Mr./Miss (name), who will tell us a bit more about the origin of this movement.

Answer: This first society formed by Dr. Clark was a result of successful evangelistic meetings in the Williston Church. He saw the need of giving the newly converted young people something worthwhile to do within their church. This is the reason for the motto, "For Christ and the Church."

There were fifty-seven who signed the covenant during the formation of the first society, and that covenant or pledge is the same as we sign today when we become an active member of Christian Endeavor. It begins, "Trusting in the Lord Jesus Christ for strength . . ." (you may want to read the entire pledge).

Reporter: Thank you. And now Mr./Miss (name), could you tell us how rapidly this movement grew?

Answer: Eight months after the first society was formed, a second was organized in Newburyport, Massachusetts. By the time the first convention was held in the Williston Church in June, 1882, there were six known societies. The second convention in Portland, Maine, reported 56 societies with 2850 members. From there Christian Endeavor spread throughout the world, and conventions of the World's Union have been held in England, Germany, Switzerland, India, Australia, and several times in the United States. The International Society includes societies in Canada, the United States, and Mexico. There will be an International Convention this coming summer July 5-8, in Chicago, Illinois.

Reporter: Are there any "exclusives" of Christian Endeavor?

Answer: Christian Endeavor is international, interracial and interdenominational. In fact, it was the pioneer interdenominational youth organization and the forerunner of the present youth movements in the church. (You may tell more about the history, including the leadership in the past and present, and also the basic principles which are outlined in "A Vital Program for Youth.")

Reporter: Thank you all. Now I believe we are ready to be further informed about the satellite and the actual launching.

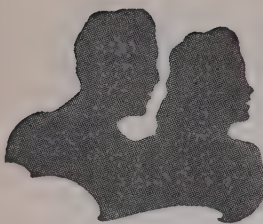
Leader: (pointing to the approximate place on the globe where your society is located) From this point we launch out our satellite of service "For Christ and the Church" and dedicate it for the spreading of Christ's Gospel through our efforts here in (your location). As the satellite circles the globe, may it represent the love of God which encircles the world. (It is possible with the proper talent, i.e., a science teacher or a specially talented young person, to "rig" a miniature satellite and launching platform behind the globe which you may "shoot" into the "sky" at the proper moment. If you cannot do this, just use the imagination and have the talks suffice).

## Closing Consecration Service

Have each member present state (in the form of testimony, Scripture verse, or sentence prayer) just how he will help to keep your satellite in orbit. A directed prayer could close the meeting. Ask for guidance in keeping "For Christ and the Church" foremost in your minds.

Hymns listed in program outlines in THE CHRISTIAN ENDEAVOR WORLD have been selected from CHRISTIAN ENDEAVOR SONGS. This book, with an attractive red and white paper cover, contains 113 songs and hymns for youth meetings. Available from International Society of Christian Endeavor, 1221 East Broad Street, Columbus 16, Ohio. Price: 50c each, \$5 per dozen, \$40 per hundred.





# Let's Face It

No. 1 in a Series: "Grow Up!"

Acts 17:26; Luke 9:51,62; 1 Timothy 4:12  
(Race Relations Sunday)

Senior High-Young People (15-24 Years)

FEBRUARY

Comments by Rev. Burton Weber\*

## Aims

1. To help young people face some of the areas where maturity needs to start.
2. To encourage young people to face what is involved in the process of growing up.
3. To encourage young people to seek strength in Christ to face this process.

## Promotion

If a poster is used, an eye-catching one can be made using the words *How old are you?* A few numbers can be scattered about these words. Then, below, the words *Your years may deceive you* could be used.

Perhaps you can arrange to make an announcement from the pulpit in your church service or in some other meeting which young people will attend.

Remember, though, that personal contacts as follow-up to these announcements will produce the best results.

## Program Suggestions

Pre-Prayer Service

Call to Worship: Proverbs 3:5,6

Suggested Scriptures: Acts 17:22-31; Luke 9:51-62; 1 Timothy 4:12-16

Suggested Hymns: *Give of Your Best to the Master; Lead On, O King Eternal; He Keeps Me Singing; Living for Jesus; Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah; O Master, Let Me Walk with Thee; I Would Be Like Jesus*

## For the Leader

If it's possible, you might invite someone of a different race to attend the meeting. A question and answer period about racial problems and differences could be held following that part of the topic that deals with race relations.

Make sure you study the questions for discussion well and answer them as thoroughly as possible for yourself so that you will be able to give direction to the discussion.

## Introduction

This topic has many different phases that could be discussed. It deals with the problem of growing up and therefore includes almost every area of life. Young people need to recognize the importance of present behavior. It is too easy to say, "What does it matter right now? When I am out of school, when I'm working on my own, or when I'm a certain age, there will be plenty of time then to settle down and think about how I should act as an adult." But let's face it! That tomorrow will probably never come.

What you will be tomorrow you are becoming today. The way you face life and responsibilities and human relationships and the decisions of life today will probably establish how you face them in later life.

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## DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. Can you tell about some experiences that have helped young people to mature?
2. What do you think there was about these experiences that contributed to the maturing of the person?
3. What makes the difference between two people who are about the same age but differ in their grown-up ways?
4. In what ways does Christian Endeavor help young people to grow up and to face life and its problems?
5. Are attitudes toward facing responsibility, the race problem, sorrow, and the decisions of life habit-forming?
6. What part does admitting we are wrong play in the process of growing up and facing life?

If you begin learning to face up to life and its demands now, you can avoid a lot of difficulty later. Bad habits of dealing with problems in any area of life can be harmful to spiritual, mental, or even physical life and health.

## Facing Responsibility

One of the most important factors in growing up is facing responsibility. One of the things young people want most is to be trusted and to do worthwhile tasks. Many times young people are not entrusted with grown-up responsibilities. This is to the shame of many adults.

But on the other hand, young people have no right to complain about these adults if they are not willing to face the smaller responsibilities and do their best with those. The surest way for one to get positions of responsibility is to show that he is responsible in whatever he does.

It is not a sign of irresponsibility to decline a task if one has a reason that he can conscientiously give to his Lord and Master. There are times too when unforeseen obstacles may hinder the performance of a responsibility. But these should be the exception rather than the rule if one wants to prove himself responsible.

Facing responsibility will not always be easy. It may in fact be very difficult at times, but the help the Lord provides is always sufficient.

## Facing Race Relations

This is Race Relations Sunday, and the race problem is one area that particularly needs to be faced clearly and fairly in our time. It is one of the most urgent problems that Christian people face in many parts of the world.

When we talk about facing this problem, however, we need to recognize that this does not necessarily mean we must learn to act as adults do. Too often young people imitate adults in areas of negative and wrong attitudes and actions.

Let's face it! Some adults have considered the racial problems of our day in a

biased and prejudiced manner. That is, they have drawn conclusions first and asked questions later.

In the courts a man is supposed to be considered innocent until proved guilty. Facing the problem of race relations requires this same attitude. If young people on both sides of the issue can learn to face this problem without preconceived conclusions, the coming generation will have made an important step toward world peace. Young people are less likely to have conclusions in their minds before they approach a subject than adults. What young people need to do then is to use all the resolution and determination they can muster to keep from making conclusions until the facts are known. This takes courage and a great deal of effort. When the facts are learned on both sides, the conclusion that is drawn may be unpopular with parents, other adults, or with fellow young people. To stand firm to an unpopular opinion that one believes to be the honest and just conclusion from all the facts is what builds strong and healthy character.

## Facing Human Relations

What applies in race relations applies also in human relations. A well-known d jockey who is an idol of many teen-agers has said that the thing he dislikes the most about teen-agers is the way they treat each other. Many times teen-agers will have nothing to do with those who are just a few years different in age.

Young people everywhere want to grow up; they want to act as grown-up as possible. But let's face it! To ignore those who are a few years younger does not make a person more grown-up. In fact it does just the opposite. It is when young people begin to get along with and to treat kindly those that are younger that most adults begin to feel that young people are growing up.

## Facing Important Decisions

For young people, life demands some pretty important decisions. College, occupation, partner in life, accepting Christ—these are all decisions that very much shape the course of a person's life. There was a time when most of these decisions were quite simple for young people. They were made for them by their parents. Society today believes a youth has the right and the ability to make these decisions for himself.

But young people need to recognize the fact that there is nothing wrong with looking for help to solve these problems. Becoming mentally ill is the response many people make to problems too big for them to handle. These problems are of lifelong importance and may therefore be too big or at least appear to be so. The help of God and a qualified person or friend can help to make any problem easier.



# Citizenship Begins at Home

No. 1 in a Series: "Christian Citizenship"

Deuteronomy 6:4-18  
(Race Relations Sunday)



Junior High (12-14 Years)

FEBRUARY 12

Comments by Mrs. Donald McFadden\*

## Introduction

Christian citizenship begins at home. Just what is Christian citizenship? Webster says, "A citizen is an inhabitant of a city or town, state or country." What is an inhabitant? Webster says, "An inhabitant is one who dwells or resides permanently in a place." Finally, what is a Christian? A Christian is one who is Christlike. A combination of the three provides a definition of Christian citizenship: a Christlike person who resides in a certain place. And for this topic, that place means home.

Since one is first of all a citizen at home, this is perhaps the hardest place to be a Christian. It seems so much easier at Sunday school or Christian Endeavor to witness for Christ. But oh, when little brother or sister gets into one's things at home, that is just a different story altogether. Christ meant for Christianity to be practical and especially at home where it is the hardest.

Several of the items suggested in this topic will need advance planning and preparation. Start early to prepare.

## Bible Incidents

These should be assigned beforehand to be told in one's own words:

*Genesis 37:1-11*—Joseph and his brothers: jealousy showed by brothers

*Genesis 27*—Jacob and Esau: deception at the home

*Numbers 12*—Miriam and Aaron: envy between brothers and sister

*Genesis 4:3-12*—Cain and Abel: murder in the family

*I Samuel 18:1-5; 19:1-7*—David and Jonathan: sacrificial love between friends

*II Timothy 1:5; 3:15*—Timothy, his mother, and his grandmother: teaching of the Word in the home

*Luke 2:40,52*—Jesus as a boy: favor with both God and man

*John 19:25-27*—Jesus as a man: care of parents when they are older.

Each of these is an incident of a Bible family. Discuss which actions and attitudes were good and which were bad. Do we and these same attitudes and actions in our homes today?

## Skits

These skits may be given impromptu or with rehearsal. Each skit is to show both the right and wrong way to meet a situation in the home between members of the family. Use your imagination to plan some other skits. After each is presented, discuss why the person or persons acted the way they did. Knowing why one acts like he does enables him either to correct or to improve his behavior.

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1. A teen-age girl is making the finishing touches as she gets ready to go out. She finds that her little sister has been in her lipstick and perfume. A battle of words is waged with a threat that if she ever does it again it won't go easy with her. The little sister is crying, and big sister is in a bad mood to go anywhere.

*A better way:* Big sister tells little sister kindly but firmly that she should never bother other people's things unless she has permission from the owner. Then big sister promises her little sister a play kit of cosmetics of her own. (Hint: If you make a promise, make sure you keep it.)

2. The evening meal is just finished. The teen-age daughter gets up from the table and says that she has homework to do. When the mother suggests that she help with the dishes first, there are complaints from the girl that all she ever does is work and that other girls don't have to help so much. She does her homework instead, but also does other things: talks on telephone, plays records, tries a new hairstyle, etc.

*A better way:* The girl immediately helps her mother with the dishes and then gets busy with her homework and lets nothing interfere. She does both in the same amount of time as she might have spent on homework with interferences.

## Parent-Youth Panel

Plan in advance for resourceful parents and youth to participate on the panel. You might select two young people, two parents of members of your society, and two married people whose children are not as old as you. Prepare the questions the week before at Christian Endeavor. Ask your group to write down items they would like to have discussed by the panel, or give a prepared list of items to check. Choose the ones with the highest number of checks. Suggested items might be: allowance, dating, hours, homework, duties at home, and clothes. Assign the questions to those on the panel during the week preceding this topic.

Invite your parents to the meeting. Send out invitations including the time, place, and date. Refreshments might be served. Make it clear to both youth and adults that the time spent together is to help all see that problems that arise at home have two sides to them.

Set up chairs and table for the panel discussion. Give a humorous introduction of your panel members. Perhaps your counselor or pastor would be the moderator. Be sure he knows the questions beforehand. Keep the panel discussion lively; inject humor; don't let it become heated or argumentative. After the panel has discussed the questions, the moderator might ask for questions or comments from the audience, either youth or adults.

Ask the parents to participate in other portions of the meeting—Scripture reading, prayer, solo, etc.

## Case Histories

In advance, interview some of the parents of your members. Find out what some of the problems were when they were young people. Your Christian Endeavor group might be surprised to find that their problems are similar to those your parents faced as young people.

Give several case histories. These should be written in advance so that different ones can read them to the group. Be sure to retain the identity of the parent. When interviewing the parent beforehand, assure him that he will not be identified.

## Bible Examples of Good Citizenship at Home

Have three teens read each of the following Scripture portions. One should read the narration and God's words, and the other two should read the words of the two characters in the Scripture portion. After the reading, ask one of the young people to give an application of the Scripture to problems faced today.

*Genesis 22:1-14.* Abraham showed obedience to God. This wasn't an easy task God had called him to do, but Abraham did not question God. God had proved Himself to Abraham many times before. As his father showed obedience and trust, so did the son Isaac. Each was willing to obey. Are our lives examples of what and how our parents believe and act? What about our influence on others? What about the future when we become parents? Is there a good foundation now for Christian influence when we are examples to our own children?

*I Samuel 3:1-18.* Samuel at an early age was entrusted with a hard and an important job of telling Eli that he had failed as a father and that destruction would come to his sons. Obedient Hannah had borne Samuel, to whom God entrusted important tasks, but indulgent Eli had permitted his sons to become so irresponsible that God had to destroy them. What a contrast! Are there similar examples today? We can all choose what type of parent we want to be: like Eli or Hannah.

*Ruth 1:1-3,14-17.* As Naomi showed love and understanding to others, it was returned to her later. Can we expect to receive the same type of treatment at home as we give to others?

Compare all three incidents which have been read and discussed. Point out that in all three accounts the following was true and can be depended upon to be true today also: the type of citizenship displayed by the main character was mirrored in the lives of his children or close associates. We can learn from this that what we do does affect others and that what we do to them will be returned to us.



# Always Late

No. 2 in a Series: "Grow Up!"

Matthew 25:1-13



Senior High-Young People (15-24 Years)

FEBRUARY

Comments by Mrs. Ernest Hone, Jr.\*

## Suggested Program Outline

Pre-Prayer Service  
Opening Hymn: *I Need Jesus*  
Opening Prayer  
Song: *Give of Your Best to the Master*  
Announcements and Offering  
Song: *O Master, Let Me Walk with Thee*  
Scripture Reading: Matthew 25:1-13  
Topic Discussion  
Closing Hymn: *In the Service of the King*  
Benediction

## Publicity

Find or draw large pictures of a sundial, an hourglass, and an old fashioned pocket watch for a poster. Below these pictures, print this message: *No matter how you measure it, take enough to attend Christian Endeavor tonight and talk about TIME.* Then list the topic, leader, time and place of meeting.

## For the Leader

This meeting is designed so that you can have it either backward or forward! If many of your Christian Endeavor society members are habitually late comers, perhaps it would be especially effective to completely reverse the program procedure, starting with the benediction and ending with the opening hymn. In this case, the Scripture reading and the topic discussion would remain in proper sequence, but—though still being called the introduction—this in reality could become the conclusion or summary of the meeting.

## Introduction

Some of us are going to miss unlimited opportunities, interesting experiences, and infinite blessings in life because we are ALWAYS LATE. And so tonight we are going to discuss who the late comers are, why they are usually late, what results their habitual lateness may effect in their own lives and in the lives of those about them, and why we should all strive to be on time.

## Who Are Late?

THE UNCARING AND CARELESS. The foolish virgins in our Scripture lesson were careless about their preparation and uncaring enough to fall asleep. They were supposed to be ready and waiting; instead, they were too late because they didn't care enough to be prepared, and they were too careless to do exactly as they had been told. These are still reasons for lateness today. We don't really care enough about the important things; therefore, we are careless about being on time, careless of the feelings of others, and careless about the effect of our carelessness on our Christian witness. Are we just as late arriving when we attend

a circus as we are when we attend Christian Endeavor? If the answer is no, perhaps we are more intent upon having fun than we are about Christian service and fellowship, and our carelessness is caused by having our values out of balance.

THE PERPETUAL PROCRASTINATORS. The foolish virgins in our Scripture lesson put off being prepared and then tried to borrow from those who had prepared carefully. Quite often we *intend* to be on time or *intend* to complete an assignment or fulfill an obligation, but put off the preparation. This procrastination can often result in tragedy, as it did for the foolish virgins. Many individuals disregard the message of II Corinthians 6:2 (read) and even put off making the most important preparation of their lives—the decision for Christ. Wouldn't it be tragic if our habitual procrastination and lateness were the cause of eternal separation from God Himself?

THE CHRONICALLY ILL. Acute lateness can become a disease similar to alcoholism, for we can become addicted to it! Being late can become so habit forming that we find that we are late even for those things for which we would like to be on time. Sometimes when this happens, we experience the additional frustration of discontent with ourselves and embarrassment in front of others, but more likely we become so accustomed to being habitually late that we no longer think of it as important at all.

## The Results of Lateness

Being late can be disastrous to both the group and the individuals in it. If the entire meeting is late in starting because of late comers, the time lost will cripple the meeting plan and perhaps even the effect of the meeting. If the meeting is begun on time but has to survive the constant distraction and disturbance of late arrivals, much of the interest as well as the impetus is lost. The leader suffers the handicap of recapturing the continuity of thought each time there is an interruption, in certain situations an almost impossible task.

The late comers themselves have several obstacles to hurdle. The harried, hurried, breathless feeling that usually accompanies being late is not conducive to a receptive state of mind. Instead of being prepared by prayer and song, the mind and heart of the late comer are apt to be restless and unwilling or unable to concentrate on the subject at hand. Also it is difficult for him to take part in the discussion, for he does not know what has gone before; therefore, he does not feel oneness with the rest of the group.

The old expression "missing the boat" is expressive of another result of lateness. Sometimes we miss out entirely on something important because we are late. Sometimes we miss just enough so that we can never catch up. Sometimes we never quite meet our own potential nor measure up to

those about us just because we are always a little late.

## Telling Time

Always remember that our timing tells on us! God always moves on time (Galatians 4:4). If we truly desire to follow Him, we will strive to be on time. Chronicalateness does not display a very consistent nor conscientious Christian witness. In many realms, good timing is imperative: athletics, business, science, human relationships. Our timing often indicates our interest and determines our achievement. If our timing is consistently poor, it is not only a reflection upon us, but upon the Master whom we serve and whose name we bear.

## Taking Time

Taking God's time for ourselves is downright thievery. If we are always late in our attendance at church services, if we are always slow to be in the right place at the right time, if we are not spending part of our time in service for the Lord, and if we are continually wasting our time, we are robbing God!

## Redeeming Time

Ephesians 5:16 and Colossians 4:5 speak of redeeming the time. Often we emphasize the tithing of our money, but perhaps we have never considered tithing our time. There are 168 hours in every week; yet, we spend two or three hours on Sundays in church services and perhaps an hour or two during the week, we take great pride in the time we have "given" to God. This is actually a small percentage of the time we have and probably comparatively just as small in relation to the time we spend foolishly. Just the term "spending" when we speak of time should remind us of its value.

## Time Out!

If you are always late, there is a sure cure. It is taking time out for prayer. Really make your lateness a matter of earnest prayer, and plan in your schedule, no matter how busy it may be, a regular prayer time. You will find that having a daily prayer time will help to keep you on time all of the time.

## Conclusion

One of the ancient devices, still used in some parts of the world, for measuring time is the sundial. On many of them the makers inscribed this legend: "Only the Sunlight Hours Are Counted." Our lives can be compared to a sundial. If we are in the shadow of our own selfish interests and pursuits, the time is not registered. But our time really counts if we are in the direct light of the one true Light, the Son of God, and our lives will show forth the Light, even in the handling and using of our time. (*Discuss ways in which you may use time most profitably for themselves, for others, and for Christ.*)

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# Citizens in Action

No. 2 in a Series: "Christian Citizenship"

Luke 10:25-37



Junior High (12-14 Years)

FEBRUARY 19

Comments by Miss Frances M. Becker\*

## Words, Words, Words

It is so easy to put a few words together and come up with a sentence. You might say, "A Christian should pattern his life after Christ," or you might say, "A sincere Christian always tries to help others." These sixteen words might be no sooner said than forgotten. To do something about them, though, represents Christian "Citizens in Action."

Someone once said, "One deed is worth a thousand words." Let us look briefly at the Man whose deeds changed the whole world.

## Christ, Man of Action

As one reads of Christ in the New Testament, he visualizes a Man who went about doing good. He healed the lepers. He raised the dead. He fed the multitudes. He comforted the sorrowing. He cured the crippled. He calmed the waters of the sea. He caused demons to flee. He fed the people "living bread." He said that He came to do the will of him that sent me" (John 8:34).

Christ's ministry on earth was punctuated with deeds of kindness which grew out of the great love which He felt toward mankind, a love so great that He finally gave His life on the cross that man's sins might be forgiven. This human and divine Christ says to us today, "But be ye doers of the Word and not hearers only" (James 1:22).

## Jesus Tells a Story

Of course the world today, as in the days of Christ, is still filled with young people and older people who think they know all the answers. Again, using words alone, they try to impress others with how much they know about how to live. When Christ asked the lawyer who tempted Him what the law said about inheriting eternal life, the lawyer said, "Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy strength, and with all thy mind, and thy neighbor as thyself" (Luke 10:27).

This young lawyer knew the words, but he felt no responsibility for translating his answers into action. Christ knew this too, and so He told the lawyer a story.

A certain man on his way from Jerusalem to Jericho was robbed and wounded by thieves. As he lay there along the roadside, two men, who for years had been talking to their people about helping one another and doing good to those in need, passed by him and did nothing to help. The third man who came along was from a different town than the victim, had a different background, followed a different religion, and

was hated by the people to whom the victim belonged. Yet this man stopped, attended to the wounded man, and saw that he was cared for in a nearby inn. Which was the Christian "citizen in action"? (Read the story of the good Samaritan in Luke 10:25-37.)

## Action Needed Today

Nobody needs to tell a thinking young person today how much Christian citizens are needed right now to put Christ's teachings into action. Just pick up a newspaper and count the articles which involve graft, prejudice, drink, filthy literature, greed, gambling, divorce, separation, slander and on and on.

Perhaps all these have grown by leaps and bounds because we, as Christians, have said one of three things: 1. "These anti-social acts have always existed in the world and they always will exist, so what can we do about them?" 2. "I refuse to soil my life by having any contact with the unscrupulous behavior of those who do not know God or act the way He wants them to." 3. "Why should I stick my neck out? You can't fight City Hall. I'll only get the wrong end of the stick, and anyway I may be stepping on the toes of some people I know."

Stop sticking your heads in the sand! With God's help you can take a stand and be a tremendous influence for the good, the clean, the fair, the honest. You might even be the spark that rekindles the dulled conscience of some adults who have given up the fight and float along on social approval.

Young people can catch the vision of a Christian society dedicated to the welfare of mankind. Young people can make good citizenship work in the years ahead!

## How?

The International Society of Christian Endeavor in its Citizenship Awards Program for 1961 placed emphasis on group action. Societies, the majority of whose members are under 25 years of age, were encouraged to sponsor and report a completed Christian citizenship activity. Each activity will be evaluated on the basis of group participation, the goals established or achieved, the manner in which the activity carries out the ideas in the folder "What Is Christian Citizenship?" Areas of concern in this folder are home relationships, civic responsibilities, wholesome recreation, race relationships, narcotics, gambling, obscene literature, and observance of the Lord's Day.

If 100 societies in the United States and Canada chose an activity through which they would try to institute Christian principles in one of these areas, what an influence they would be for good! If 1000 societies decided to act, the newspapers would soon report that Christian young people have a concern about their country's wel-

fare and that they are doing something about it with God's help.

However, not 1000 societies or 100 societies will make any kind of dent on the evils of our country until one society after another decides to put into practice the teachings of Christ through citizenship activities.

## What to Do

1. Send right now to the International Society of Christian Endeavor for enough copies of the folder "What Is Christian Citizenship?" so that each member of your society will have one.
2. Have a business meeting to discuss stimulating citizenship activities that are needed in your community.
3. Choose an activity in which all will co-operate and through which you can witness for Christ.
4. Set up the goals that you hope to accomplish.
5. Invite your pastor or some Christian civic leader to discuss your project with you and offer ideas.
6. Discuss and decide who will do which parts of the activity.
7. Get to work, but constantly take inventory to see whether you are working toward your goals.
8. Complete your activity, and evaluate your results. Where did you succeed? How could you have improved?
9. Report your activity to the International Society and ask for full information about the 1962 Citizenship Crusade, which will be released soon.

## Helpful Hints

1. Build up a great deal of enthusiasm. Let other church members know what you're doing. They might be able to help.
2. Put plenty of prayer behind your activity. You'll need it to give you the strength, courage, and direction to succeed.
3. Have a pep rally to get things started—slogans, posters, theme songs, etc.
4. Draw upon Bible support to back up your work. Learn some verses like Philip-  
pians 4:13, "I can do all things through Christ which strengtheneth me." Sing some hymns like *Give of Your Best to the Master* and *There's a New Day Dawning*.
5. Heed "Youth and His Dream" (author unknown).

Youth with his dreams went forth;  
"I must conquer the world," he said;  
Held in his hand a sword,  
Soon youth and his dream lay dead.

Youth with his dream went forth,  
"Christ must rule o'er the world," he said;  
Held in his hand a cross,  
And followed where'er the dream led.

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# Hazards of Hearsay

No. 3 in a Series: "Grow Up!"

James 3:1-12; I Timothy 4:1-11

Senior High-Young People (15-24 Years)

FEBRUARY

Comments by Rev. George Weaver\*

## The Leader's Preparation

Let's face it! This discussion will be only as successful as you make it in your preparation and personal enthusiasm. There are the usual matters to care for, and the sooner they are done, the better. But don't take anything for granted! Even the routine items must be done *well* and *ahead* of time. Choose those who are going to share in the presentation of this topic and get together for a "buzz" session. Share your plans with them and evaluate their response and suggestions.

Items to be cared for: 1. *Publicity*—check with your artistic members for posters; plan for notices in the Sunday school and an announcement in the church bulletin. 2. *Song service*—plan your service carefully and be certain to have some different special numbers or features. 3. *Assignments*—give advance notice to those who will participate in the presentation of the topic.

## The Topic Introduction

(The leader should use this for his own information and as a basis for leading into the actual presentation.)

"Why don't you grow up?" O, how often young people hear these words! Honestly, though, we do need to mature—to grow up physically, mentally, and spiritually. This is the final topic in a series concerning certain characteristics in which we all need to grow up.

In this topic, we want to consider the importance of avoiding hearsay. There are two things we are not to do—we should not build our lives on hearsay, and we are not to spread hearsay further. These are the points to be emphasized in this topic. There are hazards in hearsay, and one mark of maturity is that we avoid falling into these pitfalls.

## What Is Hearsay?

Let's turn to our old friend Mr. Webster for help in defining our subject. Hearsay is a report from another, a rumor, or common talk being passed around. It should be noted that hearsay is not admissible as evidence in a court trial. From this definition, we can readily gather that hearsay *does not have the authority of personal knowledge*.

## An Illustration from Life

Bill Adams was an ambitious youth in his senior year at Madison High. His future plans called for college and medical school and a career in medicine. To help finance his education, Bill worked after school and on Saturdays. He had been promised a good summer job by his employer.

One day, someone made an idle remark about Bill's ambition and said that college and medical school would cost money—

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1. To realize some of the dangers in believing and passing on rumors and gossip.
2. To realize that good Christian citizens are not bearers of tales, but of the truth as revealed in Jesus Christ.

"lots of it!" Another person repeated the remark with a reflection on Bill's honesty. The remark made the rounds; eventually, twisted and magnified, it reached the ears of Bill's employer. He decided he couldn't take a chance, and Bill didn't get the good summer job. College and medical school came much harder because of hearsay.

Do you believe this illustration is really true to life? Can you think of similar experiences with hearsay? Have you heard some hearsay just this past week which reflected against the moral character of someone? Did you repeat it?

## Another Form of Hearsay

Not all hearsay is mere gossip. Sometimes certain things are reported as facts, and people base their lives on them. For instance, a number of years ago, a radio broadcast caused a panic in our nation. What was a fictional presentation of an invasion by "men from Mars" was taken by many as factual, and they reacted in blind terror.

Again, there is the account of an agnostic who was speaking before a large audience. In his address, he denied the reality of hell and eternal punishment for those who reject Jesus Christ as Saviour. In the rear of the auditorium, an inebriated man shouted, "I hope you know what you are talking about, because a lot of us fellows are depending on you." Yes, a lot of people are depending on hearsay—on what others say for religious truth.

It is common in life for someone to receive a "tip" on a good financial investment. The usual statement is, "You can't lose; you will make a killing." More often than not, the hearsay only causes a loss of money because the "tip" was not backed up by real authoritative information.

## Counsel of God's Word on Gossip

James approached this problem with the statement: "If any man offend not in word, the same is a perfect man." The implication is that until one learns to guard against hearsay—the hearing or repeating of it—he is not perfect and certainly not mature.

A mature heart which is centered in Jesus Christ will most certainly manifest this maturity in habits of accurate and proper speech. Surely one's tongue cannot both glorify God who is truth and then in the next breath relate some hearsay which at its best is doubtful.

## Counsel Concerning True Foundations

Paul was faithful in relating the truth to his young friend Timothy. He noted that there would be those who would appear with statements which were only half-truths or outright lies of hypocrisy. Such persons

would present all kinds of supposedly valid religious truths.

Timothy and others of the Christian faith were warned against building their lives on such teachings. Instead of hearsay, they were to nourish themselves and others with the words of faith and of good doctrine.

## An Application to Today

Young people also need to heed the counsel of God's servant. There are many conflicting expressions of Christian life and behavior. Most of these cannot pass the test of authenticity as determined by God's Word. One must beware of the hazards of hearsay in his religious faith and action. There is only one way, and that is in Jesus Christ who is the Way, the Truth, and the Life. Test everything you hear and reject against the revelation of the Word and the Holy Spirit.

## Specific Instructions from the Word

1. *Avoid Idle Speaking* (Matthew 12:36-37). Words have a terrifying power. They can rob a man both of substance and of a good name; words can murder a man's character just as surely as a gun can take his life; words can inflame hatred and bigotry and incite riot. Also, words can exalt God, bless and comfort our fellow men, and translate truth. Therefore, Christians, we must use them as good stewards of their power. Idle words come from hearts not filled and controlled by the Spirit of Christ.

2. *Hold Your Tongue* (Psalm 34:11-14). Note here the direct admonition of God concerning the use of our speech. Our tongues are not to speak evil in any manner under any circumstances. Our speech must always be righteous and sincere.

3. *The Curse of Gossip* (Proverbs 11:9). Note it is the hypocrite, the pretender who uses his speech to spread hearsay in destructive form and to the harm of his neighbor. It follows that when one slips into the hazard of hearsay, he is betraying the truth of his Christian testimony.

4. *Avoid Being a Busybody* (I Timothy 5:13). Paul lists among those who are evil the busybodies who wander from house to house and pass along the idle hearsay they have picked up along the way. It is possible that in their "nosing" they have picked up a "juicy morsel of truth," but they have no business repeating to others even what they know to be true. Each should be concerned for the welfare of his brethren, but not to the extent of meddling in his affairs or of discussing them with others.

5. *A Warning against False Witness* (Exodus 23:1-3). The child of God is not to join the wicked in their customs of bearing false witness. It does not matter how many others are lifting up their voices in slander; the true son of God will be careful to guard his speech, avoiding the curse of hearsay.

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Ruined Reputation (boy)  
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ffects our actions.

o you believe everything you hear about  
boy next door, or the man who is run-  
g for mayor, or the newest toothpaste  
polishes teeth, sweetens breath, and  
a guarantees a boy friend or girl friend?  
tell you that three multiplied by six,  
ded by two plus one equals eleven, does  
make it so? Can you give that answer  
your next arithmetic test and expect to  
100%?

I tell you this orange (or any other  
that may be available) is sweet and  
y and that I know you will enjoy eating  
oes that make it so? Can you now tell  
person sitting next to you how good and  
orful this orange is? Will you know  
at you are talking about? How can you  
w this orange is sweet, juicy, and deli-  
as? Not by just looking at it, not by  
ching it, and certainly not just by hear-  
about it. You must peel it, taste it, and  
a you can tell others because you will  
w the facts.

he world is full of wild tales today.  
ne are facts and can be proved; others  
rumors that may have started as half-  
ths and with each telling lost some of  
truthfulness, and still others have noth-  
of the truth in them. As Christian En-  
vivors striving to be good citizens, we  
st do our best to be sure of facts before  
can honestly tell anyone anything,  
ether it be about politics, one of our  
nds, some business deal, or even Christ!

ss Carrington is regional vice-president for  
in Bernardino County and Training Super-  
endent for the California Christian Endeavor  
ion.

## Interviews

Let's take an imaginary walk down a  
street called Hearsay Lane and talk with  
some of the folks who live there. This is an  
unusual street, for the people who live  
along it all have the same first name—  
Hazard-of! Strange name, isn't it? And  
here comes our first resident. What is your  
name, please?

### Interview #1—Miss Information

I'm Miss Information. Hazard-of Miss  
Information is my full name. I have lived  
here on Hearsay Lane for a long time, and  
I'm active in everything that goes on.  
Quite often I play a very important part  
in what people think and do.

Why, not long ago when a newcomer in  
our town ran for a high ranking office, I  
felt it was my duty to tell the folks what  
I had heard about him. And after I got  
through telling a few prominent people, he  
didn't have a chance of being elected! Of  
course, I didn't bother to check up on the  
information I gave out about him, and  
when the papers printed positive proof that  
he was not the same man that I was talking  
about, it was too late, for most of the peo-  
ple had already decided to vote against  
him. Oh well, you know how things go, and  
they don't call me Miss Information for  
nothing. So I was wrong and maybe he  
was the best man for the job. I can't be  
expected to check on everything, can I?

Leader: There goes a very important res-  
ident of Hearsay Lane. I hope you will  
recognize her the next time you meet! Here  
comes one of her neighbors. Perhaps we  
can have a chat with him too. Tell me,  
sir, is your first name Hazard-of?

### Interview #2—A Ruined Reputation

Yes, I'm one of the natives of Hearsay  
Lane and have quite a long name. I am  
Hazard-of a Ruined Reputation. I am a  
very busy man, have many appointments  
to keep, and cannot spend much time with  
your group. But while I am here, have you  
heard about Harry? He was all set to be  
voted most valuable player of the year  
until the coach talked with Jim, who had  
heard it from John, who found out from  
Bill (and he got it from me). Yes sir, the  
very night before the big game I heard  
Harry (well, I'm almost sure it was Harry)  
talking with an older man and arranging to  
"fix" the game so that our arch rivals would  
win the championship. There was some  
talk about a lot of money, and Harry (well,  
like I said, I think it was Harry) promised  
to do all he could to help the man. Natu-  
rally, I just had to tell Bill, and one thing  
led to another. Of course, Harry didn't get  
to play in the game. Matter of fact, he was  
kicked off the team, and I doubt if he will  
get that athletic scholarship he was count-  
ing on for college. He still insists that he  
never talked to anyone about throwing the  
game or about accepting money, but after  
all, I did hear him, or at least I thought  
it was Harry.

Leader: Yes, Hazard-of a Ruined Reputa-  
tion is a busy man and a very dangerous  
one. Let's see who else we can talk with  
on our walk 'up Hearsay Lane. Pardon me,  
Miss. What is your name, please?

### Interview #3—A Wrong Impression

Oh, just call me Wrong Impression.  
Hazard-of a Wrong Impression is my name.  
I'm the quiet one on our street, but busy  
just the same. Some people call me sneaky,  
but really I'm only trying to keep them  
informed. Why, only yesterday Minnie was  
telling me about the wonderful free gift  
she got at the supermarket, and of course  
I rushed home and phoned Suzy to tell her  
about it. She dashed right down to the  
market, and was she ever mad at the man-  
ager when he told her the gifts were given  
only for a purchase of \$30 or more of gro-  
ceries! She really told him off! She told  
him how Minnie got a gift without buying  
anything, then turned and marched out of  
the store quick as a flash. She has been  
busy on the phone ever since, telling all her  
friends how the store plays favorites and  
doesn't live up to its promises. I wonder if  
Minnie did buy \$30 worth of groceries. It's  
quite possible she did, although I didn't  
mention it to Suzy. Do you suppose she  
got the wrong impression from me?

Leader: I wonder! And I wonder how  
many times each day we meet this Hazard  
around school, at home, and at play.

## Leader's Summary

Thank you, Hazards, for granting us these  
special interviews. Now we have met at  
least three of the Hazards of Hearsay Lane  
and have had an opportunity to see how  
they can affect our lives. We can see that  
the reason these hazards exist is that people  
listen to and perhaps pass on information  
that is not quite accurate. As Christian  
young people and good citizens, we must  
not depend on hearsay, but we must learn  
to think for ourselves and we must do our  
best to stop false rumors when we hear  
them.

In closing, let's look at God's Word and  
see what it says about hearsay, talebearing,  
and rumors. (Read and discuss topic Scrip-  
tures.)

## Counselor's Talk

Paul told young Timothy to refuse pro-  
fane and old wives' fables (1 Timothy 4:7).  
In other words, he was not to listen to the  
gossip of the day, but rather to exercise  
himself unto godliness. How can we "ex-  
ercise" ourselves unto godliness? What can  
we do when we meet with any of the haz-  
ards of hearsay? (Read Proverbs 11:12,13.)  
What is the difference between "news" and  
"gossip"? How can we express the truth of  
Christ in our daily relationships with  
others?



# Daily Bible Readings for Your Quiet Hour

Here are the daily Bible readings selected for use in connection with the weekly Christian Endeavor topics for February, 1961. These particular selections have been chosen because they give valuable food for thought in connection with the topic for the Sunday to follow.

These readings are grouped together on one page in order that Endeavorers may easily use them. Why not clip out this section and place it in your Bible, ready for your daily Quiet Hour observance.



## Junior High (Intermediate) Daily Readings

M., Jan. 30. Open Confession of Christ. Matthew 10:28-33.  
T., Jan. 31. Service for Christ. Matthew 25:14-30.  
W., Feb. 1. Loyalty to Christ's Church. Hebrews 10:22-25.  
T., Feb. 2. Fellowship with Christ's People. Romans 1:8-12.  
F., Feb. 3. A Great Promise. Romans 10:9-10.  
S., Feb. 4. Go Forward! Exodus 14:10-16.  
Sun., Feb. 5. Topic—Operation: Motto. Acts 26:13-23. (Christian Endeavor Day)  
M., Feb. 6. Honor Thy Parents. Mark 7:9-13.  
T., Feb. 7. Obedience to Parents. Deuteronomy 21:18-21.  
W., Feb. 8. Love as Brethren. I Peter 3:8-11.  
T., Feb. 9. An Evil Home. II Chronicles 22:1-9.  
F., Feb. 10. A Committed Household. Joshua 24:14-16.  
S., Feb. 11. The Christian Family. Colossians 3:18-21.  
Sun., Feb. 12. Topic—Citizenship Begins at Home. Deuteronomy 6:4-18.  
M., Feb. 13. The Great Commandment. Mark 12:28-34.  
T., Feb. 14. Fulfilling the Law. Romans 13:7-10.  
W., Feb. 15. Consider Others. Romans 14:13-21.  
T., Feb. 16. Unselfish Living. Romans 15:1-7.  
F., Feb. 17. Obedient in Good Works. Titus 3:1-8.  
S., Feb. 18. Love Is the Answer. Galatians 5:13-18.  
Sun., Feb. 19. Topic—Citizens in Action. Luke 10:25-37.  
M., Feb. 20. Speak No Evil. James 4:10-12.  
T., Feb. 21. Speak of God's Power. Psalm 145:9-13.  
W., Feb. 22. No Talebearer. Proverbs 11:9-13.  
T., Feb. 23. No Busybodies. II Thessalonians 3:10-15.  
F., Feb. 24. Hear the Word. Luke 8:11-15.  
S., Feb. 25. The Certainty of Scripture. Luke 16:27-31.  
Sun., Feb. 26. Topic—Hazards of Hearsay. James 3:1-12; I Timothy 4:1-11.

## Senior High-Young People's Daily Readings

M., Jan. 30. Forward to Better Knowledge. John 7:14-17.  
T., Jan. 31. Forward to Broader Vision. John 17:20-24.  
W., Feb. 1. Onward to Be in Christ. II Corinthians 5:17-21.  
T., Feb. 2. On Guard for the Church. Acts 20:28-32.  
F., Feb. 3. Growing in Grace. II Peter 3:17,18.  
S., Feb. 4. Victory for Christ and the Church. Revelation 11:15-17.  
Sun., Feb. 5. Topic—Forward—For Christ and the Church. Acts 26:13-23. (Christian Endeavor Day)  
M., Feb. 6. Facing Life. James 4:13-17.  
T., Feb. 7. Facing Responsibility. Ezekiel 18:19,20.  
W., Feb. 8. Facing Prejudice. Galatians 3:27-29.  
T., Feb. 9. Facing Temptation. I John 2:13,14.  
F., Feb. 10. Facing God's Law. Exodus 20:3-17.  
S., Feb. 11. Facing God's Grace. Ephesians 2:1-10.  
Sun., Feb. 12. Topic—Let's Face It. Acts 17:26; Luke 9:51,62; I Timothy 4:12.  
M., Feb. 13. Time Is Precious. I Chronicles 29:14,15.  
T., Feb. 14. Now Is the Time. II Corinthians 6:1,2.  
W., Feb. 15. Procrastination. Acts 24:24,25.  
T., Feb. 16. Redeeming the Time. Ephesians 5:15,16.  
F., Feb. 17. Time Is Short. I Corinthians 7:29-31.

S., Feb. 18. God Is on Time. Galatians 4:1-5  
Sun., Feb. 19. Topic—Always Late. Matthew 25:1-13.  
M., Feb. 20. Idle Speaking. Matthew 12:36,37.  
T., Feb. 21. Hold Your Tongue. Psalm 34:11-14.  
W., Feb. 22. Busybodies. I Timothy 5:13.  
T., Feb. 23. Danger of Being a Hypocrite. Proverbs 11:9.  
F., Feb. 24. Beginning of Many Sins. II Corinthians 12:20,21.  
S., Feb. 25. False Witness. Exodus 23:1-3.  
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Topics for FEBRUARY  
Feb. 5. God and My Church. Psalm 84:2-10.  
Feb. 12. Red Lights. Exodus 20:7,15,16.  
Feb. 19. Green Lights. Exodus 20:8-12  
Feb. 26. His Word in My Heart. Psalm 119:9-16.  
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Mrs. Harold Bingham opens the red door at 1221 East Broad Street, Columbus, Ohio, to welcome visitors to Christian Endeavor Headquarters. Mrs. Bingham, who began her work in November, also assists in the Publishing Department and general stenographic duties. Her husband is preparing for ministry in the United Presbyterian Church.

## COMING EVENT For Your Prayer Calendar

Here is a list of Christian Endeavor conventions and conferences scheduled to be held during the next few months. Remember these events in your daily Quiet Hour.

### FEBRUARY

- 2—80th Anniversary Rally, Williston Church, Portland, Maine
- 4—Anniversary Fellowship Banquet, Williston Church, Portland, Maine

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# NEWS

## from around the world

"En CE 1961" is the title of a book listing the Christian Endeavor topics for 1961 for use by Endeavorers at Ponape, the Line Islands, and on five atolls in the Pacific. Dr. Harold F. Hanlin, field superintendent of the Micronesia Mission, reports 1150 copies of this translation of the topics are being distributed. A group of young business and professional people, known as the Ponape Christian Volunteers Association, is planning to prepare devotional comments for these topics. Dr. Hanlin reports that this is about all the devotional material available there.

A recent Saturday church visitation by teams of Michigan Union leaders in Holland was so successful that a similar visitation is scheduled for Grand Rapids.

Victoria Ann, weighing in at a little over eight pounds, was warmly welcomed by her parents, Timothy and Lavonne Kribs, Roachdale, Indiana, when she arrived on December 5. Mr. Kribs is the associate president of the International Society. He is minister of Roachdale Christian Church and a student at Christian Theological Seminary in Indianapolis.



Photo by Henry Phillips

Julia Phillips, president, and Lynn McKnight, whose design was selected in a contest sponsored by the county union. Cecil A. Meyer (left), who was in Texas doing field work, admires the banner. The flag is white with a gold cross outlined in gold, and the CE logo and county name in red.

Just off the press are attractive Prayer Cards listing the program for the Chicago Convention next July. A convenient size for a Bible bookmark, these cards may be secured free of charge from the International Society.

The Eastern Suburban District in Western Australia held a "different" social recently. The fifty young people who came each dressed to represent someone of the opposite sex. The union president, Rev. A. Meyer, "looked rather smart in a gray skirt, blue topper and lemon beret," according to reports, which also indicated that sack frocks were quite prominent and those who wore them looked very becoming.

South Australian Endeavorers recently enjoyed many special events—a Festival of Song in October, the annual Mystery Hike in November, a Christmas Camp December 27-January 2 and a Junior Camp January 3-9 (remember, it's summertime "down under").



The Christian Endeavor booth at the National Sunday School Convention in St. Louis this fall attracted many visitors, according to Mr. and Mrs. Harold Williams. They headed the group of St. Louis and Missouri Endeavorers who set up and manned the booth.

Earle W. Gates, Jr., was elected president of the re-organized Erie County Union at a rally November 26 at Bethel A.M.E. Church in Buffalo, New York. Almost 200 were present for the dinner and rally, when Cecil A. Jeffery was the speaker.

In preparation for the 14th World's Christian Endeavor Convention, to be held in Sydney, Australia, August 16-21, 1962, Endeavorers "down under" are already holding prayer rallies. The first rally was held August 1 in Sydney, with members of the New South Wales Christian Endeavor choir participating, as well as P. A. R. Chesterton, national secretary; Rev. H. Norman Pell, national director; and Rev. L. G. Bennett, chairman of the Convention City Committee.



Nick Van Soest



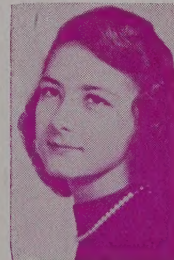
George L. Brown



Albert S. Nieboer



Don Cole



Mrs. Bobby Adams

presidents for 1960-61 pictured above are Nick Van Soest of Denver, who was elected president of the Colorado Union in September. He is an accountant and a member of First Reformed Church; married, the father of three children. George L. Brown of Harrisburg heads up work in Pennsylvania. He is assistant operating manager of V. D. Leisure Company, a member of the Colonial Park Evangelical United Brethren Church, married, and the father of two children. President of the Michigan Union is Albert S. Nieboer, who is studying at Western Michigan University in Kalamazoo and working part time at Karl's Grocery Store. In April he married Louise Buit, corresponding secretary of the Michigan Union. Don Cole of Dallas leads the Texas Union this year. A salesman for Minnesota Mining and Manufacturing Company, he is a graduate of Southern Methodist University, and was married in November. He has a twin brother, Ronald, and is active in Pleasant Grove Christian Church. Also a newly-wed is Mrs. Bobby Adams of Greensboro, president of the North Carolina Union. The former Nancy James, she is well known as one of the top winners in the 1959 Citizenship Contest. Mr. Adams is general secretary and chairman of the extension committee of North Carolina Union.

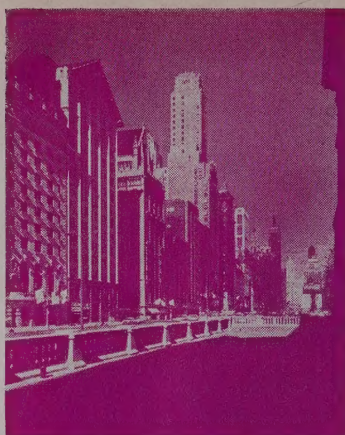
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## TENTATIVE PROGRAM

### Tuesday, July 4

12:00 Noon—Registration begins  
5:15-6:45 PM—Faculty Dinner and Or-  
tation; speaker: Dr. Daniel A. Pol-  
president, World's Christian Endeavor  
Union

7:30-8:45 PM—Prayer Vigil

8:45-9:30 PM—Prayer Service; leader:  
Earle W. Gates, immediate past president,  
International Society

### Wednesday, July 5

7:15-8:15 AM—Breakfast

8:30-9:30 AM—Opening Session and Co-  
munism Service; keynote speaker:  
Clyde W. Meadows, president, Inter-  
national Society

9:45-11:30 AM—Educational Conferen-

9:45-10:30 AM—Youth Assembly

12:00-1:30 PM—Lunch and General  
sembly

2:00-5:00 PM—Youth Assembly

5:30-6:45 PM—Dinner

7:30-9:30 PM—General Convention  
sion; speaker: Dr. Daniel A. Poling

### Thursday, July 6

7:15-8:15 AM—Breakfast

8:30-9:30 AM—Quiet Hour and  
Study; Junior High (Intermediate)—

Jacob Prins, Forest Grove Reform  
Church, Hudsonville, Michigan; Sen-

High-Young People—Dr. Earle W. Ga-  
First Church of Evans, Derby, New York

Adult—Rev. Theodore Richardson, Me-  
ropolitan Community Church, Chicago

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9:45-10:30 AM—Youth Assembly

12:00-1:30 PM—Lunch and General  
sembly

2:00-5:00 PM—Meeting of Corpora-  
and meeting of Board of Trustees, In-  
national Society

5:30-6:45 PM—Dinner

7:30-9:30 PM—General Convention  
sion; speaker: Myron J. Taylor, minis-

Boulevard Church of Christ, Toledo,  
Ohio

### Friday, July 7

(Morning Schedule same as Thursday)

2:00-5:00 PM—State conventions  
meetings of union delegations

5:30-6:45 PM—Convention Banquet

7:30-9:30 PM—General Convention  
sion; speaker: Dr. George K. Schweit-

associate professor of chemistry, Univer-  
ty of Tennessee, Knoxville

### Saturday, July 8

(Morning Schedule same as Thursday)

9:45 AM-1:30 PM—Junior Convention

3:00-5:00 PM—Christian Witness Para-

5:30-6:45 PM—Dinner

7:30-9:30 PM—General Convention  
sion; speaker: Dr. Billy Graham, ev-

angelist, Montreat, North Carolina

9:30 PM—Adjournment

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